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S. J. RES. 210

To designate the month of November 1994 as "National Native American Heritage Month".

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 18 (legislative day, JULY 11), 1994

Mr. Inouye (for himself, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Bingaman, Mr. Boren, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Burns, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Chafee, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Craig, Mr. Daschle, Mr. DeConcini, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Durenberger, Mr. Exon, Mr. Gorton, Mr. Graham, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heflin, Mr. Hollings, Mrs. Kassebaum, Mr. Kempthorne, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Levin, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McCain, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Murkowski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nickles, Mr. Pell, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roth, Mr. Simon, Mr. Specter, Mr. Stevens, and Mr. Wellstone) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

To designate the month of November 1994 as "National Native American Heritage Month".

Whereas Native Americans were the original inhabitants of the land that now constitutes the United States of America:

Whereas Native American governments developed the fundamental principles of freedom of speech and separation of powers in government, and these principles form the foundation of the United States Government today;

- Whereas Native American societies have exhibited a respect for the finiteness of natural resources through deep respect for the earth, and these values continue to be widely held today;
- Whereas Native American people have served with valor in all wars from the Revolutionary War to the conflict in the Persian Gulf, often in a percentage well above their percentage in the population of the Nation as a whole;
- Whereas Native Americans have made distinct and important contributions to America and the rest of the world in many fields, including agriculture, medicine, music, language, and art;
- Whereas Native Americans deserve to be recognized for their individual contributions to American society as artists, sculptors, musicians, authors, poets, artisans, scientists, and scholars;
- Whereas the Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives believe that a resolution and proclamation as requested in this resolution will encourage self-esteem, pride, and self-awareness in Native Americans of all ages; and
- Whereas November is traditionally the month when Native Americans have harvested their crops and is generally a time of celebration and giving thanks: Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
 - 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
 - 3 That the month of November 1994 is designated as "Na-
 - 4 tional Native American Heritage Month". The President
 - 5 is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling

- 1 upon Federal, State, and local governments, interested
- 2 groups and organizations, and the people of the United
- 3 States to observe the month with appropriate programs,

4 ceremonies, and activities.

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